



WHAT

IS

LOVE



**THREE WORDS FOR
LOVE IN THE NEW
TESTAMENT:**



EROS:

This is sexual love. We are **NOT** talking about that today!



PHILEO:

This is the root for the city Philadelphia which is the city of brotherly love. This is an intense love that you have with family members and close friends.



AGAPE:

This is the God kind of love. This is a very misunderstood word in today's society and in the church. This is what we are going to define this evening.



1 JOHN 4:8

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is **love**.”

Does that mean that God = Love?



GOD = SPIRIT

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." - **John 4:24**



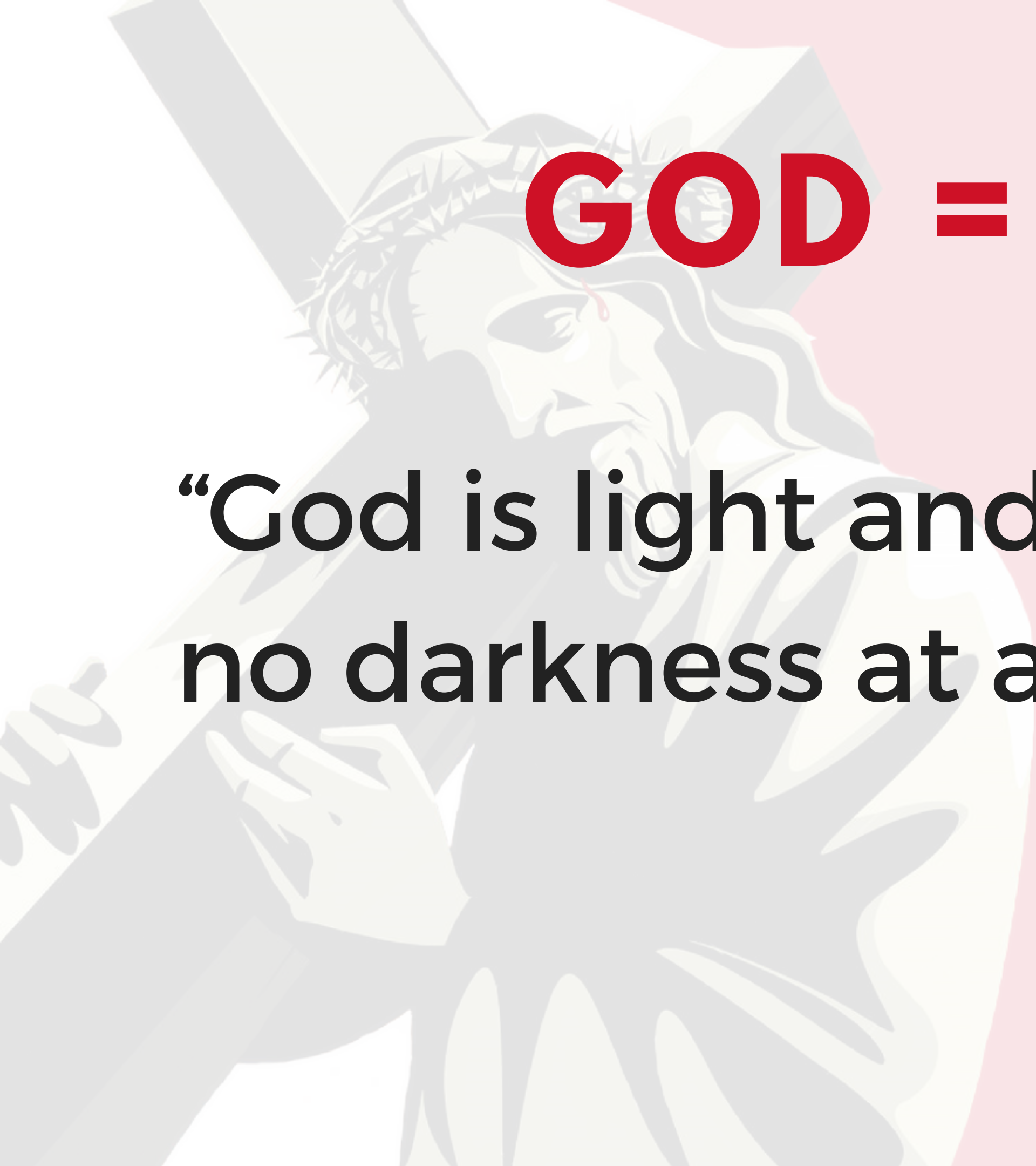
GOD = GOOD

**For the LORD is good and his
love endures forever; his
faithfulness continues through
all generations. - Psalm 100:5**

GOD = LIGHT



“God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all” - 1 John 1:5



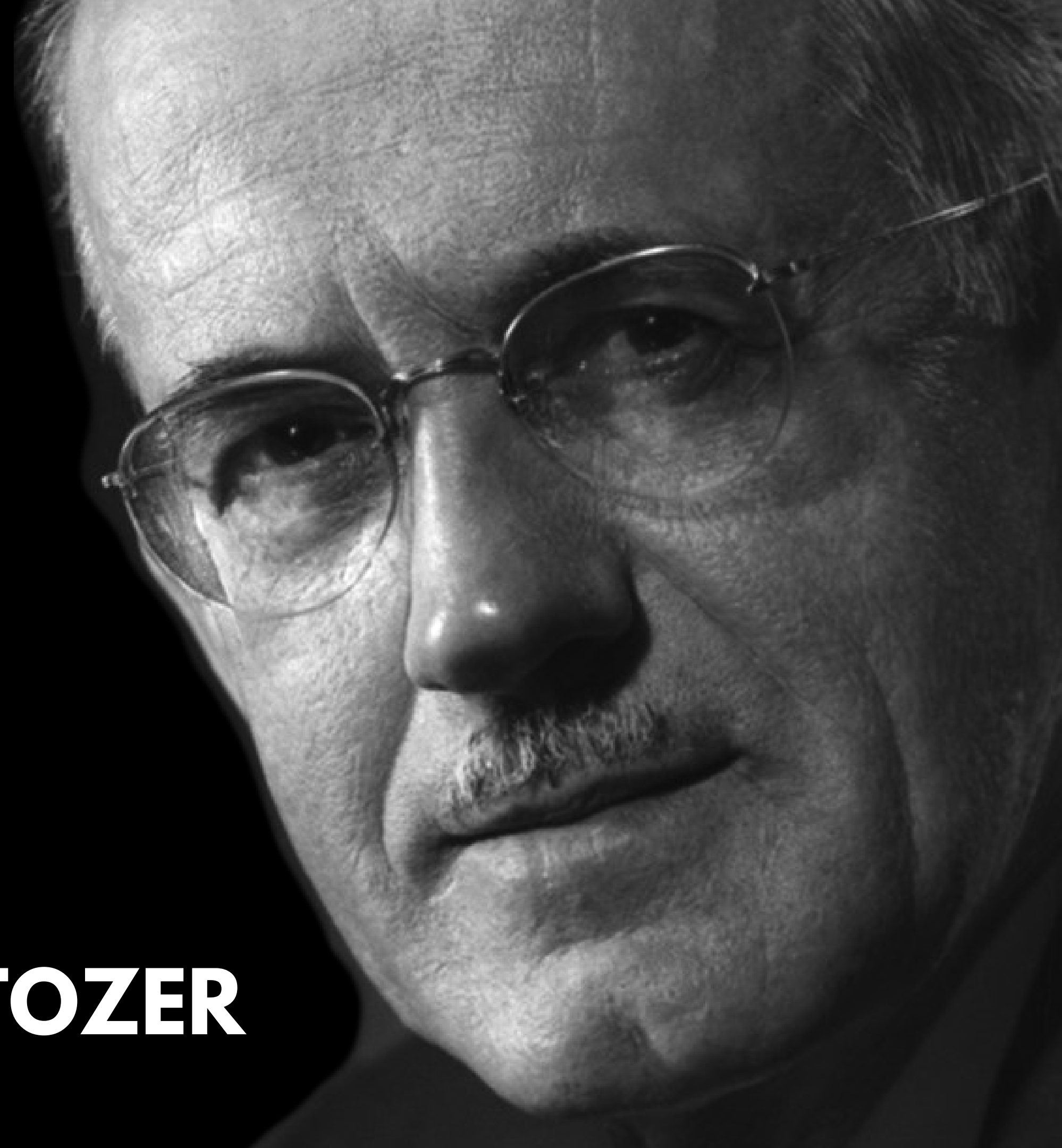
GOD = FAITHFUL

God is faithful, who has called
you into fellowship with his
Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. - **1 Corinthians 1:9**



Had the apostle declared that **love** is what God is, we would be forced to infer that God is what **love** is. If literally God is **love**, then literally **love** is God, and we are in all duty bound to worship **love** as the only God there is. If **love** is equal to God then God is only equal to **love**, and God and **love** are identical. Thus we destroy the concept of personality in God and deny outright all His attributes save one, and that one we substitute for God.

- A.W. TOZER

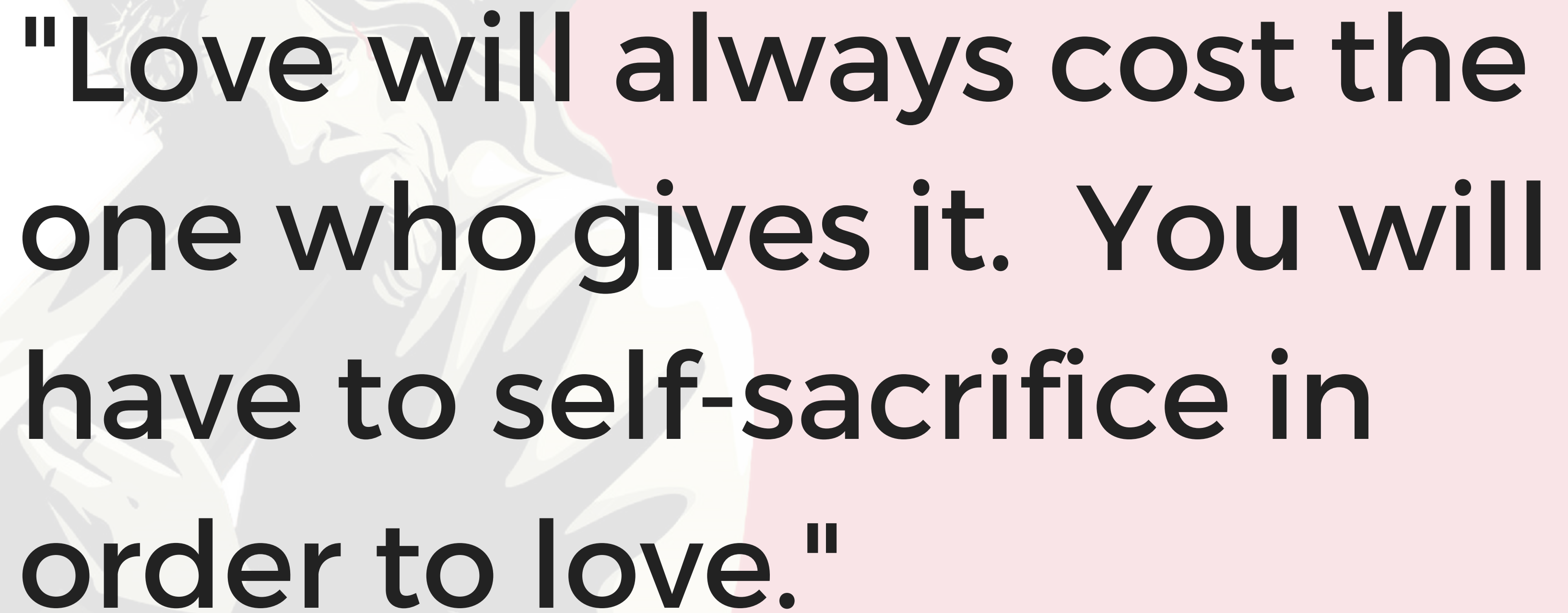


1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

4. Love is patient, love is kind **and** is not jealous; love does not brag **and** is not arrogant, **5.** does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong **suffered**, **6.** does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; **7.** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8.** Love never fails;

1 JOHN 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



"Love will always cost the one who gives it. You will have to self-sacrifice in order to love."

1 JOHN 3:16



We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

**"Love always has an
object and that object
is always a person"**





LOVE (verb):

Self-sacrificing for the benefit of others.